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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM CAN THO 06 APR 75. RPTD  
TO YOU

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAN THO 0173

FOR LEHMANN FROM MCNAMARA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT VS

SUBJECT: RUFUGEE AT PHU QUOC ISLAND BY TEAM FROM CONGEN CAN THO

BASED ON VISIT PHU QUOC ISLAND THIS AFTERNOON, MY ASSESSMENT OF  
SITUATION AND NEEDS OF REFUGEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) LANDING OF REFUGEES IS TAKING PLACE SLOWLY BUT IN GOOD ORDER.

(2) BULK OF BULK OF THOSE ABSERVED AS THEY LANDED DID NOT  
APPEAR BE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER OR DDEHYDRATION BUT WERE  
HUNGRY AND THIRSTY.

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(3) THERE IS SERIOUS POTENTIAL DAMGER FROM ALLOWING LARGE NUMBERS

OF ARMED SOLDIERS COME ASHORE WITHOUT BEING DISARMED AND WORST ELEMENTS SEGEGATED. LIMITED FORCES AVAILABLE FOR PROCESSING OF ARRIVEES AT LANDING NOW PRINCIPAL BOTTLENECK TO FASTER LANDINGS.

(4) SUPPLIES NOW BEGINING TO ARRIVE IN SOME QUANTITY AT ISLANDS SMALL AIRFIELD, SEQUENCE OF ARRIVALS SHOULD BE BETTER COORDINATED WITH PRIORITY OF NEEDS. ARRIVAL LARGE QUANTITIES OF UNCOOKED RICE BEFORE COOKING IMPLEMENTS AND STOVES IS GOOD EXAMPLE OF NEED TO BETTER ORDER LOGISTICS PRIORITIES.

(5) SUGGEST FOLLOWING LIST AS REPRESENTING MOST URGENTS NEEDS IN DESCENDING ORDER. THIS BASED ON PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS AND CONVERSATION WITH NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE AT PHU QUOC, CAPT. THIEN.

A. TWO 21/2 TON TRUCKS FOR USE IN MOVING REFUGEES AND FOOD THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE COOKING.

C. TOOLS TO CUT FIRE WOOD.

D. INDIVIDUAL KEROSENE STOVES WITH FUEL.

E. USABLE WATER CONTAINERS. DRUM WHICH HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED ARE PETROLEUM CONTAMINATED.

F. MEDICAL TEAMS AND SUPPLIES; ESPECIALLY EYE AND STOMACH REMEDIES

G. TECHNICIANS TO REPAIR WELL. ONLY ONE OF TWELVE WELLS AT CAMPS SITE NOW OPERATING.

(6) TOMORROW PLAN SEND CARY KASSEBAUM AND ONE AREA SPECIALIST FROM OUR RRRO STAFF TO STAY AT PHU QUOC TO WORK WITH CAPT THIEN AND HELP COORDINATE OUR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES. HE WILL BE FURTHER REFINING ABOVE ROUGH LIST OF PRIORITIES.

(7) REFUGEE ADVISOR HOLDREN SPOKE TO MR4 CHIEF OF STAFF BG CHUONG DZENH QUAY, SHORTLY AFTER OUR RETURN FROM PHU QUOC. HE ASSURES US THAT 40 PM'S, 200 CIVIL POLICE, A PSYWAR COMPANY, AND 25 ADMIN PERSONNEL WILL BE FLOWN TOMORROW TO BOLSTER FORCES ON CONFIDENTIAL

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